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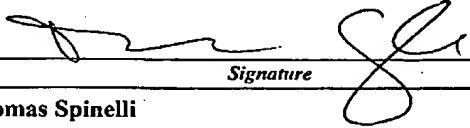
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For: VESSEL FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE HIGH-PRESSURE  
STEAM STERILIZATION  
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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>   |                                     |                                  |   |                        | <b>Docket No.</b><br>14731 |  |
| Applicant(s): Hiroki Moriyama  |                                     |                                  |   |                        |                            |  |
| Application No.<br>09/894,659  | Filing Date<br>June 28, 2001        | Examiner<br>Krisanne M. Jastrzab | Customer No.<br>23389   | Group Art Unit<br>1744 | Confirmation No.<br>6961   |  |
| Invention: VESSEL FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE HIGH-PRESSURE STEAM STERILIZATION   |                                     |                                  |   |                        |                            |  |
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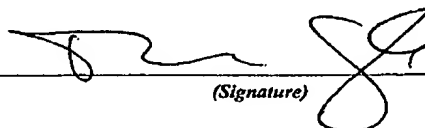
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